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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR BEIRUT EVACUEES

1. EMBASSY HAS NOTED AN APPARENT INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE E&E MANUAL, PART I, THE STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS, AND AN ARTICLE IN THE MARCH, 1975 ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER ENTITLED QUOTE ALLOWANCES FOR FOREIGN AND HOME SERVICE TRANSFERS, REPRESENTATION, SEPARATE MAINTENANCE, AND EVACUEES UNQUOTE. MORE SPECIFICALLY, BOTH SECTION 600 (131) OF THE STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS AND SECTION 332.12 OF THE E&E MANUAL, PART I, INDICATE THAT THE SCOLA FOR EVACUEES WILL BE REDUCED TO 60 PER CENT OF THE MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE OF THE AUTHORIZED SAFEHAVEN POST AFTER THE FIRST 30 DAYS. HOWEVER, THE AFOREMENTIONED ARTICLE IN THE MARCH, 1975 NEWSLETTER STATES UNDER THE SECTION ENTITLED QUOTE EVACUATION PAYMENTS UNQUOTE THAT THE SUBSISTENCE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE QUOTE MAY BE REDUCED AFTER 30 DAYS IF CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT UNQUOTE.

2. WHILE A REDUCTION OF THE PER DIEM FOR EVACUEES IN THE AUTHORIZED SAFEHAVEN POSTS OF ATHENS AND FRANKFURT WOULD PROBABLY BE TOLERABLE, IT WOULD REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SACRIFICE FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ELECTED TO GO ELSEWHERE AND PARTICULARLY THE FOUR FAMILIES WE HAVE RESIDING IN PARIS. WHILE THEIR TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS AS NOW WORDED SPECIFY THAT THE SCOLA WILL BE REDUCED TO 60 PER CENT OF THE ATHENS PER DIEM RATE, OR THAT OF THE POST WHERE RESIDING, WHICHEVER IS LOWER, IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF THE ACTUAL EXPENSES BEING INCURRED THAT THE ORDERS NOW BE AMENDED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THOSE RESIDING ELSEWHERE TO PERMIT PAYMENT OF THE MAXIMUM

ALLOWANCE THROUGHOUT THEIR PERIOD IN SAFEHAVEN.
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